

The Readjuster Convention.

In pursuance of the action of the State Committee at a meeting held in Richmond in February last, General MANOX as its chairman has issued a call for a State Convention of the Readjuster party to assemble in this city on the 7th day of July next.

The seventh day of July! Both the National Conventions will have made their nominations before that time, and the Virginians who compose that party will therefore have the privilege of choosing between the candidates of the oppressors of Virginia—the candidate of the negroes, the carpet-bagger, and the scoundrel, on the one hand, and the candidate of the real, substantial, true-hearted people of Virginia on the other hand. This is the first time since the late General MANOX has invited those men who have been by him induced to join the ranks of the Readjusters. They are to assemble in county meetings to be composed largely if not chiefly of negroes, and then and there they are to appear, not as true Democrats ready and willing to support the nominee of the Democratic National Convention, but as self-seekers trying to make some arrangement by which they may secure the Federal offices in Virginia as one prize, and the State offices as another. The interests of the southern people are to be subordinate to the ambitious schemes of the men who are ready to form alliances with the negroes in order to defeat that true southern party against which the negroes have always voted, and will always vote.

The call is made three months before the election, and in pursuance of authority granted, but "in pursuance of the action" of the State Committee on the 11th day of February last—nearly five months before the day fixed for the assembling of the Convention! Here is evidence of a determined purpose to keep the white people of Virginia divided, and to sacrifice the Democratic party and the dearest rights and interests of the South to the ambition and greed of the leaders of this new party. The electoral ticket will then be formed—It is ever formed—which will be called "unpledged," but which will be composed of GRANT men if General GRANT shall be the nominee of the Chicago Convention. The postponement until July of the assembling of the Convention furnishes conclusive evidence that there is to be no such thing as a genuine unpledged electoral ticket in the field. We have never believed that General MANOX would put up such a ticket. His call for his Convention proves that if he ever had such a purpose he has abandoned it. He will either nominate a GRANT ticket, or a ticket nominally divided between the GRANT men and the Democrats, but really a GRANT ticket in disguise, or he will make up no ticket at all.

The number of delegates to which each county is entitled seems to have been fixed by an apportionment merely arbitrary. We do not know how it has come about that Richmond city, which east not one single Readjuster vote last fall, should be entitled to thirty-five delegates, whilst Rockingham county, which east about two thousand Readjuster votes last fall, has only twelve, and Rockbridge only eight. General MANOX no doubt had some reason satisfactory to himself for the manner in which he apportioned the delegates; and if his reasons do not grumble because of its seeming unfairness, nobody else need do so. We call their attention to it, however, that they may not overlook it.

We regret, of course, to see such persistency in a course of conduct which seems to us to be not only deplorable but ineffectual. Nevertheless, we are not yet satisfied that this last movement will tend to insure the vote of Virginia to the nominee of the Cincinnati Convention. It is as yet too soon, however, to see how the current of events is to be changed by the action of the Republican Convention to be held very soon in Staunton. An open and confessed alliance between the Republicans and the Readjusters would of course be more perilous to the Democratic party than the running of two separate electoral tickets by those parties; but neither scheme will, in our opinion, succeed in detaching Virginia from the grand Democratic army of the United States.

That Decision.

We do not desire to engage in a controversy over the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad vs. The State of Tennessee before we have read the opinion of the Court. We are confident, however, that the *Whig's* ingenious leader explaining away that decision is based upon a misapprehension as to what the Court said, or rather as to the meaning of the words upon which that judgment dwells with so much pleasure and emphasis with italics—namely, "The State may refuse to pay and the courts could not compel it to pay." We take it that the Court meant just what the words imply, and nothing more. It did not mean to say that the courts of Tennessee could not compel the State to pay if it refused to do so. The Court said that the State was not bound to pay for the purpose of having an adjudication made by the Supreme Court of the United States that the State took the ground it did. The right to sue for the sole purpose of "having an adjudication" is a very different thing from the right to sue accompanied by the power to enforce the judgment of the Court. The Supreme Court says the Tennessee courts have no power to enforce anything more than the contract provided for; not that they would not have the power to go further, but if the contract had gone further, if it had been such as one as Virginia made with her creditors in 1871, then the courts of Tennessee would have had power to enforce it. In other words, if Tennessee had contracted with her creditors to receive coupons for taxes, and if the courts had had the power when the State was made to compel the State to officers by mandamus to receive them, and if the Legislature of that State had attempted by law to take away that power from the courts, then there would have been a valuable contract which the Supreme Court of the United States would have protected by declaring such a law to be unconstitutional.

However, as we have said, we have not yet seen a full report of the opinion of the Supreme Court, and therefore will not now further discuss the decision in question. We have no doubt, though, that that decision is exactly as it is stated above.

That Decision.

You are too late, friends, of the three asterisks. The Central Presbyterian has corrected its mistake. You must be in a greater hurry next time.

That Executive Committee.

Colonel GOSNEY, a prominent Readjuster through a member of the Conservative State Central Committee, said during the session of that committee recently held in the Exchange Hotel that he did not know who were the members of the Executive Committee of the Readjuster party. We have heard it suggested that no such committee was ever appointed, and that General MANOX and the secretary constituted the entire membership. It appears, however, that this suggestion was an erroneous one. The *Whig* of yesterday announces that a meeting of said committee was held in February, and that Colonel LEWIS E. HARVEY has resigned his place as a member of the Executive Committee of the Readjuster party. This is an authoritative announcement both as to Mr. HARVEY's retirement and as to the existence of the committee itself. Now, won't the *Whig* gratify the public by giving the names of all the members of that committee, and stating when, where, and by whom or what authority they were appointed?

CRYSTAL HILL, HALIFAX COUNTY, VA.

March 31, 1880.

Editors Dispatch: As the late General Assembly has a majority of Readjusters, and the State debt as provided for by the McCulloch bill, and as the Riddleberger repudiation bill failed to become a law, will you please inform your readers through the columns of your excellent paper if the funding has been resumed? If not, will the amount of the school fund provided for by the Henkel bill, and if all of said fund for the current school year has been paid; and if not, how much is due. By answering the above you will oblige a Reader.

1. The McCulloch act is still in force, but not in operation. That is to say, the bondholders have still the right to fund under it, but they do not choose to do so. They would rather take their chances with a 6 per cent. bond than a 3 per cent. bond if they are to have any trouble with either. The only inducement any bondholder could ever have had to fund under the McCulloch bill was the prospect of a settlement not only final but satisfactory to the State. As that settlement has been disturbed by propositions to repudiate fourteen millions of the bonds provided for by the McCulloch bill, of course there will be no more funding under it.

2. The Henkel bill provides that three-fourths of the school-money shall be kept in the counties where collected, and paid out there to the teachers and others. The other fourth is not to be so kept or paid out, because some counties have to contribute to the support of the schools in other counties.

We publish this morning the opinion of the Court of Appeals in an important case. The conclusion reached is that in Virginia all judges are elected for full terms. The opinion is able and ingenious, and satisfies us that the law ought to be as Judge STAPLES states it for the Court.

PETERSBURG.

REVENUE RECEIPTS AND TOBACCO EXPORTS—CITY EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS—MORTUARY REPORT FOR MARCH—RELIGIOUS RETAILERS—TOBACCO-SALES—COUNCIL MATTERS—DEATH OF A PETERSBURG LADY—BISHOP DOUGLASS—THE FRUIT

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

APRIL 1, 1880.

The internal-revenue collections in the Petersburg district for the month of March amounted to \$8,713. The exports of manufactured tobacco during the month averaged \$70,500.

The Auditor's report for the month of March, submitted to the Common Council this afternoon, shows that the expenditures for the city during that period amounted to \$18,000. The cash receipts of the treasury from all sources were within a few cents of \$6,000.

Though the city has extensively advertised its readiness to pay its bonds which fall due to the amount of \$160,000 on the 1st day of August next, very few of them have so far been presented for payment.

The health officer reports that sixty deaths occurred in the city last month. Number of males, 30; females, 30. Number of whites, 11; colored, 49. The proportion of mortality among the colored population as compared with that among the white is in the proportion of 100 to 1.

A very interesting revival of religion is in progress at the Methodist Episcopal church. Last night there were thirty-five mourners and five converts, and a deep concern seems to be manifested among the congregation and the people of that section of the city. A revival has also been going on for some days at the Baptist chapel on Washington street, of which Rev. J. A. Speight is pastor, with considerable success. Meetings with a view to a revival awakening have also been commenced by Rev. Dr. Blackwell at the Washington Street Methodist Episcopal church.

A letter from Dinwiddie county says that Dr. William P. Thompson, formerly a member of the Legislature from that county, is very ill.

The sales of loose tobacco at the warehouses to-day amounted to about 70,000 pounds, and the prices ranged from \$3 to \$4.50 per cask.

The Common Council will this afternoon adopt a license law for the ensuing year, and will elect five new members of the City School Board to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms. It is presumed that the present members will be re-elected.

Mrs. Maggie, wife of Mr. Virgilus Archer, of Gloucester county, whose death occurred a day or two since, was the eldest daughter of Mr. A. L. Archer, of this city. She died of consumption, which disease had previously carried off two of her daughters.

The family moved to Gloucester from this vicinity about a year ago.

Bishop Dorell has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Petersburg Bible Society to deliver the address at the annual meeting of the Society soon to be held.

Notwithstanding the late weather and such winds, during which ice was formed two nights successively, the fruit and early vegetation in this section have escaped anything like serious injury. The apricot, peach, and cherry-trees have been in full bloom for some days.

DANVILLE.

DANVILLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY; SALE OF ITS PROPERTY—PEACHES KILLED BY RECENT COLD WEATHER—THE CUSTOM-HOUSE SITE.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

APRIL 1, 1880.

The property of the Danville Manufacturing Company—a company that had ceased to operate years ago—was sold at auction recently to Messrs. W. J. Crews and T. J. Corbin for \$14,000, 10 per cent. cash, the balance in three equal annual installments. This property was sold by decree of the Hustings Court in the suits of Crews, Rodenbizer & Co. and of A. T. Stokes & Co. against the company. It consisted of a portion of the water-power, water-rights and privileges, an undivided moiety of the canal and canal-bed, and the dam—all of which had been conveyed to the company by Crews, Rodenbizer & Co.—and also three lots of land lying between the canal and the river.

many places around Danville the peaches have been killed. From what I hear, I have been told that the fruit has been damaged in places, and that the storm of the 21st ultimo was very severe, and the weather of the two days following very unpleasant.

About sunset every evening a report goes abroad that the lot of somebody has been bought as a site for the custom-house, and that morning our excellent postmaster, with a bland expression of countenance, says to each one of a thousand or more inquirers, "It is not so."

Really it has been a matter of surprise that he has not adopted such a surer device as was used by an old emigrant from Texas in other days. Wearing "to Texas" with questions as to how he stood from everybody he met on the road back to Virginia, he at last got a piece of charcoal and wrote on his wagon cover, "To Texas." But it is a great relief to us to know that our anxiety will ultimately be relieved, and that then \$70,000 will be expended here on a building that will ornament the city.

The weather is clear and cool this morning.

SPOTSYLVANIA AND LOUISA.

THE GOLD FEVER RAGING—NEW DISCOVERIES—PROSPECTS OF MINERS THOUGHT TO BE ENCOURAGING.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

APRIL 1, 1880.

Lewis's Store, Va., March 29, 1880. The gold fever is raging without abatement in Spotsylvania and Louisa, and early every one seems to have contracted it.

There have been several very rich veins found in Spotsylvania in the last week—found in the Goodwin mine and one at a place one at a place one at a place, which has not heretofore been known, which is supposed to be a continuation of the Goodwin vein.

A few days ago H. L. Boggs, with a friend, went to a place where Boggs had found strong indications of gold when out squirrel hunting, and sunk a pit, and they soon came to a good bed of what is called the bed-rock, and always carries surface gold if there is any to be found at the place. They washed several pans of this ore with fine success, and found quite a rich color of gold in this pit, which was not more than four feet by one wide and one a half feet deep.

They tried at several other places along the course of the vein, and in the course of the evening found several pennyweights of gold, which were shown your correspondent yesterday.

There will be a fine set of machines erected at the Goodwin mine in the course of a few days, and the number of hands is being increased daily.

GLoucester COUNTY.

WALKING-HATCH AND TWO HORSE RACES AT WHITE MARSH—THE RAILROAD SCHEME—WORK OF THE RUCKERS.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

GLoucester COTTONSHIRE, Va.,

March 30, 1880.

Yesterday was a gala day at the White Marsh race course in spite of the inclement weather. There was a walking-hatch, at which Mr. John Seay was the winner, and a two horse race, at both of which Colonel Robin's Cris is the winner, and also a sack-race and a wheelbarrow race. The entertainment was given for the benefit of the Gloucester cavalry.

Somebody has created quite a sensation about a coming to Gloucester Point. Considerable parcels of land have been bought up, and it is said that that place will certainly be the terminus of the Richmond and Southwestern railroad. The magnificent and commodious harbor there invites commerce.

Our truckers are very busy preparing for the watermelon crop. English peas are looking very well.

Politics in Caroline.

MARCH 31, 1880.

Messrs. Editors: It is well for the people to hear from each other, and it has an interchange of views on all questions of public importance. Caroline is, politically, quiet at this time; but, when aroused, intensely Democratic. The Readjusters have effected a new organization; have a new county chairman, the old one having retired for the more lucrative position of "dealer of weights and measures"—a position conferred by our new Readjuster Judge, upon the maxim, we suppose, of "office for the faithful." Yet, with all this, the new Readjusters in this county, so far as I have been able to judge, will not support the Mahone Republican or Independent movement. This the more prominent of the party here assert, unless indeed the Democracy shall nominate Tilden.

The polls, the people, and the newspapers, all seem to be in the hands of the Readjusters, with their hands upon the reins of Government. They will vote for Grant in preference to Tilden. Our County Conservative Committee have not yet issued their call for the County Convention. They will do so, we learn, in time for the people to meet at May court to select delegates to the State Convention.

The Republicans of this county are for Sherman for President, and say they will have no alliance with Mahone. Give us any other man but Tilden and we are safe. The wheat crop is promising, and preparations for the spring crops are far advanced.

PROVOST-MARSHAL GRISWOLD.

Major Griswold, who was in command of one of the prisons in Richmond during the late war, has been appointed Provost-Marshal of this county, and has just taken possession of his office.

The great living concert singer, who has been in the city for some time, will appear at the Theatre on Monday next.

Mr. Anna Brock, the admirable young American Pianist, who has been in the city for some time, will appear at the Theatre on Monday next.

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A JURY'S "COMPROMISE" VERDICT SET ASIDE.—Judge Pierce, of Memphis, recently set aside a verdict which it was recently set aside arrived at in the following manner:

"One of the jurors proposed that each juror would set down the amount he was in favor of giving the plaintiff, and then the aggregate by proposition, and agreed that whatever verdict came out, that should be the verdict of the jury. Each juror then proceeded to vote the amount he was in favor of rendering a verdict for. Some voted nothing, some one cent, and some more as much as \$2,500. The sum of what all the jurors voted was returned into court as the verdict."

Edwin Booth is playing Macbeth at Booth's Theatre, New York.

Everybody's remedy is what they call Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price only 25 cents a bottle.—Adm.

MEETINGS.

REBEKAH REHEARSAL.—The ladies of the Rebeccah Bazaar are earnestly requested to meet to-night (Friday) at 8 o'clock at the store, No. 914 Main street.

APRIL 2, 1880.

DIRECTOR SIEGEL.

MASONIC NOTICE.—The members of TEMPLE LODGE, No. 9, A. F. and A. M., will please attend a stated communication on Monday evening, April 2, at 8 o'clock, at the hall, No. 1017 and 1019 Main street. Members of sister lodges are fraternally invited to meet with us. By order of the W. M., E. TYLER, Secretary.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—The members of HINTS LODGE, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, will please attend a stated communication on Monday evening, April 2, at 8 o'clock, at the hall, No. 1017 and 1019 Main street. Members of sister lodges are fraternally invited to meet with us. By order of the Chancellor, R. SAMUEL DENNY, Keeper of Records and Seal.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF MYRTLE LODGE, No. 25, K. O. E., will please attend a stated communication on Monday evening, April 2, at 8 o'clock, at the hall, No. 1017 and 1019 Main street. Members of sister lodges are fraternally invited to meet with us. By order of the C. C., H. R. SMITH, Keeper of Records and Seal.

AMUSEMENTS.

RICHMOND THEATRE—PINAFORE.

Forgive who can the selfish man, Who leaves his wife at home, Then steals away to see the play Of Pinafore alone.—Buttercup.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 3, AND 4.

HAYES'S JUVENILE OPERA TROUPE!

50 BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN, 50

In their famous rendition of Gilbert & Sullivan's charming operetta,

H. M. S. PINAFORE.

General admission, 50c. Family circle and children, 25c. Reserved seats, 75c.

MATINEE PRICES: Adults, 50c. Children, 25c. Extra charges for secured seats at John Lee and Co.'s Theatre.

RICHMOND THEATRE.

THE RENOWNED EMMA ABBOTT

GRAND ENGLISH OPERA COMPANY,

the largest, strongest, and most complete in America.

GRAND CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA—OPENING OF THE GRAND-OPERA SEASON.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 7TH, with Gounod's Grand Opera,

FAUST.

ABBOTT, SEGUIN, STODDARD, MACDONALD, TAMM, and TOM RARE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH, Pinafore, the charming operetta.

CHIMES OF NORMANBY, SEGUIN, STODDARD, MACDONALD, TAMM, and TOM RARE.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH, Gounod's Grand Opera.

ROMEO AND JULIET, ABBOTT, SEGUIN, STODDARD, MACDONALD, TAMM, and TOM RARE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH, Gounod's Grand Opera.

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